

1) The Agreement and Amendment are in the public interest as they provide consumers with alternative sources of telecommunications services within the BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. service area;

2) The Agreement and Amendment are not discriminatory to telecommunications service providers that are not parties thereto;

3) No party has sought intervention in this docket;

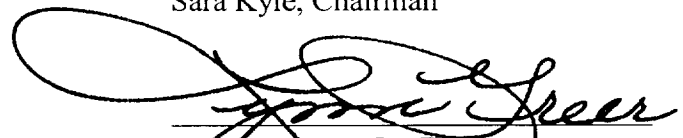
4) Approval of the Agreement and Amendment is consistent with Sections 251 and 252 of the Act; and

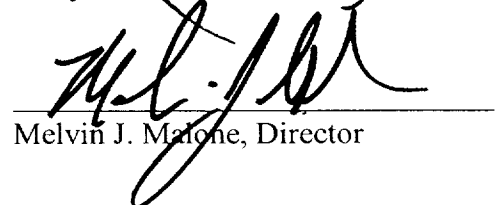
5) The Agreement and Amendment satisfy the standards for approval of negotiated interconnection agreements set forth in 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252.¹

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:


The Interconnection Agreement and Amendment thereto negotiated by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Lightyear Communications, Inc. are approved and are subject to the review of the Authority as provided herein.


Sara Kyle, Chairman


H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director


Melvin J. Malone, Director

ATTEST:


K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary

¹ This Interconnection Agreement is approved as a negotiated agreement signed by both parties and consistent with Sections 251 and 252 of the Act. It does not, however, reflect previous Authority rulings on the issue of provisioning elements that BellSouth currently combines.